


REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation the courteous interview granted by the Examiner to George H. Gerstman, counsel for applicant, on March 16, 2006.

Pursuant to the interview, independent claims 1, 8 and 24 and dependent claims 12, 29 and 30 have been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejections. Claims 21-23 have been cancelled subject to the filing of a divisional application. It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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